

# Basic Axioms and Examples

## Note 1

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Given a set  $G$ ,  $\{\{c2:: \text{a binary operation } \star \text{ on } G\}\}$  is  $\{\{c1:: \text{a function}$

$$\star : G \times G \rightarrow G.$$

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## Note 2

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Given a binary operation  $\star$  on a set  $G$ , for any  $a, b \in G$  we shall write  $\{\{c2:: a \star b\}\}$  for  $\{\{c1:: \star(a, b),.\}\}$

## Note 3

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A binary operation  $\star$  on a set  $G$  is  $\{\{c2:: \text{associative}\}\}$  if  $\{\{c1:: \text{for all } a, b, c \in G \text{ we have}$

$$a \star (b \star c) = (a \star b) \star c.$$

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## Note 4

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If  $\star$  is a binary operation on a set  $G$  we say elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $G$   $\{\{c1:: \text{commute}\}\}$  if  $\{\{c2::$

$$a \star b = b \star a.$$

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## Note 5

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A binary operation  $\star$  on a set  $G$  is  $\{\{c2:: \text{commutative}\}\}$  if  $\{\{c1:: \text{for all } a, b \in G \text{ we have}$

$$a \star b = b \star a.$$

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## Note 6

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Suppose that  $\star$  is a binary operation on a set  $G$  and  $H \subseteq G$ . If  $\{\{c2:: \text{the restriction of } \star \text{ to } H \text{ is a binary operation on } H,\}\}$  then  $H$  is said to be  $\{\{c1:: \text{closed under } \star,\}\}$

## Note 7

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A group is an ordered pair  $(G, \star)$  where  $G$  is a set and  $\star$  is a binary operation on  $G$  satisfying the group axioms.

## Note 8

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How many axiom are there in the definition of a group  $(G, \star)$ ?

■ Three.

## Note 9

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What is the first axiom from the definition of a group  $(G, \star)$ ?

■  $\star$  is associative.

## Note 10

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Given a binary operation  $\star$  on a set  $G$ , an element  $e \in G$  is called an identity of  $G$  if for all  $a \in G$  we have

$$a \star e = e \star a = a.$$

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## Note 11

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What is the second axiom from the definition of a group  $(G, \star)$ ?

■ There exists an identity of  $G$ .

## Note 12

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Given a binary operation  $\star$  on a set  $G$  and  $a \in G$ , an element  $\tilde{a} \in G$  is called an inverse of  $a$  if

$$a \star \tilde{a} = \tilde{a} \star a = e.$$

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### Note 13

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Given a binary operation  $\star$  on a set  $G$  and  $a \in G$ , an inverse of  $a$  is usually denoted  $a^{-1}$ .

### Note 14

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What is the third axiom from the definition of a group  $(G, \star)$ ?

■ For all  $a \in G$  there exists  $a^{-1}$ .

### Note 15

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A group  $(G, \star)$  is called abelian if  $\star$  is commutative.

### Note 16

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We shall say  $G$  is a group under  $\star$  if  $(G, \star)$  is a group.

### Note 17

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We shall say a set  $G$  is a group if  $G$  is a group under an operation that is clear from the context.

### Note 18

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$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  are groups under  $+$ .

### Note 19

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$\mathbb{Q} - \{0\}, \mathbb{R} - \{0\}, \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  are groups under  $\times$ .

### Note 20

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$\mathbb{Q}^+, \mathbb{R}^+$  are groups under  $\times$ .

### Note 21

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Is  $\mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$  a group under  $\times$ ?

■ No. (There is no inverse.)

## Note 22

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Let  $V$  be a vector space. Then  $V$  is  $\{\{c2: \text{a group}\} \text{ under } \{\{c1: +, \cdot\}\}$

## Note 23

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $\{\{c3: \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}\} \text{ is } \{\{c2: \text{a group}\} \text{ under } \{\{c1: \text{addition}\}\} \text{ of residue classes.}$

## Note 24

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $\{\{c3: (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times\} \text{ is } \{\{c2: \text{a group}\} \text{ under } \{\{c1: \text{multiplication}\}\} \text{ of residue classes.}$

## Note 25

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If  $(A, \star)$  and  $(B, \diamond)$  are  $\{\{c4: \text{groups},\} \text{ then the group } \{\{c2: A \times B,\} \text{ whose operation is } \{\{c1: \text{defined componentwise:}$

$$(a, b)(c, d) = (a \star c, b \diamond d),$$

$\} \text{ is called } \{\{c3: \text{the direct product of the two groups.}\}$

## Note 26

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If  $(G, \star)$  is a group, then  $\{\{c2: \text{the identity of } G\} \text{ is } \{\{c1: \text{unique.}\}$

## Note 27

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If  $(G, \star)$  is a group, then the identity of  $G$  is unique. What is the key idea in the proof?

■ Consider the product of two arbitrary identities.

## Note 28

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If  $(G, \star)$  is a group, then for every  $a \in G$ ,  $\{\{c2: a^{-1}\} \text{ is } \{\{c1: \text{uniquely determined.}\}$

### Note 29

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If  $(G, \star)$  is a group, then for every  $a \in G$ ,  $a^{-1}$  is uniquely determined. What is the key idea in the proof?

■ Multiply an inverse on the right by  $a \star a^{-1}$ .

### Note 30

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If  $(G, \star)$  is a group and  $a \in G$ , then

$$(a^{-1})^{-1} = \{\{c1::a.\}\}$$

### Note 31

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If  $(G, \star)$  is a group and  $a, b \in G$ , then

$$\{\{c2::(a \star b)^{-1}\}\} = \{\{c1::(b^{-1}) \star (a^{-1}).\}\}$$

### Note 32

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If  $(G, \star)$  is a group and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in G$ , then the value of

$$a_1 \star \dots \star a_n$$

is  $\{\{c2::\text{independent}\}\}$  of  $\{\{c1::\text{how the expression is bracketed.}\}\}$

« $\{\{c3::\text{The generalized associative law}\}\}$ »

### Note 33

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What is the key idea in the proof of the generalized associative law for a group  $(G, \star)$ ?

■ By induction.

### Note 34

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Henceforth our abstract groups  $G, H$ , *etc.* will always be written with the operation as  $\{\{c1::\star.\}\}$

### Note 35

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Henceforth for an abstract group  $G$  (operation  $\cdot$ ) an expression  $\{\{c2::a \cdot b\}\}$  will always be written as  $\{\{c1::ab\}\}$

### Note 36

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Henceforth for an abstract group  $G$  (operation  $\cdot$ ) we denote  $\{\{c2::$  the identity of  $G\}\}$  by  $\{\{c1::1\}\}$

### Note 37

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For any group  $G$  and  $x \in G$  and  $\{\{c3::n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}\}$  we shall denote by  $\{\{c2::x^n\}\}$   $\{\{c1::$  the product

$$\underbrace{xx \cdots x}_{n \text{ terms}}$$

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### Note 38

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For any group  $G$  and  $x \in G$  and  $\{\{c3::n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}\}$  we shall denote by  $\{\{c2::x^{-n}\}\}$   $\{\{c1::$  the product

$$\underbrace{x^{-1}x^{-1} \cdots x^{-1}}_{n \text{ terms}}.$$

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### Note 39

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For any group  $G$  and  $\{\{c3::x \in G\}\}$  let  $x^{\{\{c2::0\}\}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\{c1::1, \text{ the identity of } G\}\}$ .

### Note 40

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Let  $G$  be a group and let  $a, u, v \in G$ . Then  $au = av$   $\{\{c2::$  if and only if  $\}\}$   $\{\{c1::u = v\}\}$

« $\{\{c3:: \text{Cancellation rule}\}\}$ »

### Note 41

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For  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$  define the order of  $x$  to be the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that

$$x^n = 1.$$

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### Note 42

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For  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$ , if no positive power of  $x$  is the identity, the order of  $x$  is defined to be infinity.

### Note 43

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For  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$ , denote the order of  $x$  by  $|x|$ .

### Note 44

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For  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$ , if the order of  $x$  is an integer  $n$ ,  $x$  is said to be of order  $n$ .

### Note 45

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For  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$ , if the order of  $x$  is infinite,  $x$  is said to be of infinite order.

### Note 46

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An element of a group has order 1 if and only if it is the identity.

### Note 47

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Let  $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$  be a finite group with  $g_1 = 1$ . The multiplication table or group table of  $G$  is the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_i g_j \end{bmatrix} \sim n \times n.$$

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### Note 48

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Let  $G = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \in [0, 1)\}$  and for  $x, y \in G$  let  $x \star y$  be the fractional part of  $x + y$ . Then the group  $(G, \star)$  is called the real numbers mod 1.

### Note 49

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Let  $G = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z^n = 1 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ . Then the group  $(G, +)$  is called the group of roots of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

### Note 50

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A finite group is abelian if and only if its group table is a symmetric matrix.

### Note 51

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Let  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $x^{a+b} = x^a x^b$ .

### Note 52

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Let  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$ . Then  $|x^{-1}| = |x|$ .

### Note 53

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Let  $G$  a group and  $x, g \in G$ . Then  $|g^{-1}xg| = |x|$ .

### Note 54

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Let  $G$  a group and  $a, b \in G$ . Then  $|ba| = |ab|$ .

### Note 55

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$ ,  $|x| = n < \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $x^s = 1$  if and only if  $n \mid s$ .

### Note 56

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$ ,  $|x| = n < \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$|x^s| = \frac{n}{(n, s)}.$$



### Note 57

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$ ,  $|x| = n < \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $|x^s| = \frac{n}{(n,s)}$ .  
What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $(x^s)^k = 1$  if and only if  $n \mid sk$ .

### Note 58

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$ . If  $x^2 = 1$  then

$$x^{-1} = \{c1: x.\}$$

### Note 59

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Let  $G$  a group. If  $\{c3: a \text{ and } b \text{ are commuting elements of } G.\}$  then  
 $\{c2: (ab)^n.\} = \{c1: a^n b^n.\}$ .

### Note 60

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Let  $G$  a group. If  $x^2 = 1$  for all  $x \in G$  then  $G$  is  $\{c1: \text{abelian.}\}$

### Note 61

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Let  $G$  a group. If  $x^2 = 1$  for all  $x \in G$  then  $G$  is abelian. What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $1 = (ab)^2$  and multiply by  $a$  on the left and by  $b$  on the right.

### Note 62

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Let  $(G, \star)$  be a group and  $\{c4: H \subseteq G.\}$  If  $\{c2: H \text{ is a group under the operation } \star \text{ restricted to } H.\}$  then  $\{c3: H.\}$  is called  $\{c1: \text{a subgroup of } G.\}$

### Note 63

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Let  $(G, \star)$  and  $H \subseteq G$ . We shall say  $\{c2: H \text{ is closed under inverses}\}$  if  $\{c1: \text{for all } h \in H \text{ we have } h^{-1} \in H.\}$

### Note 64

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Let  $(G, \star)$  be a group and  $H \subseteq G$  be nonempty. If  $H$  is closed under  $\star$  and inverses, then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

### Note 65

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Let  $G$  a group and  $x \in G$ . Then the subgroup  $\{x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  of  $G$  is called the cyclic subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $x$ .

### Note 66

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Let  $A$  and  $B$  be groups. Then  $A \times B$  is abelian if and only if both  $A$  and  $B$  are abelian.

### Note 67

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Let  $A$  and  $B$  be groups,  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Then the order of  $(a, b)$  is the least common multiple of  $|a|$  and  $|b|$ .

### Note 68

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Let  $A$  and  $B$  be groups,  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Then

$$(a, b)^k = (a^k, b^k)$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

### Note 69

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Let  $A$  and  $B$  be groups,  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ . Then the order of  $(a, b)$  is the least common multiple of  $|a|$  and  $|b|$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $(a, b)^k = (a^k, b^k).$

### Note 70

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Any finite group of even order contains an element of order 2.

## Note 71

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Any finite group of even order contains an element of order 2.  
What is the key idea in the proof?

■ Show that the set  $\{g \in G \mid g \neq g^{-1}\}$  has an even number of elements.

## Note 72

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$  and  $|x| = n < \infty$ . Then the elements

$$1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}$$

are distinct.

## Note 73

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$  and  $|x| < \infty$ . Then  $|x| \leq |G|$ .

## Note 74

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$  and  $|x| < \infty$ . Then  $|x| \leq |G|$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

■ The elements  $1, x, \dots, x^{n-1}$  are the only powers of  $x$ .

## Note 75

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Let  $G$  a group,  $x \in G$  and  $|x| = \infty$ . Then the elements

$$x^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

are distinct.

# Dihedral Groups

## Note 1

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A symmetry of a regular  $n$ -gon is any rigid motion of the  $n$ -gon which can be effected by taking a copy of the  $n$ -gon, moving this copy in any fashion in 3-space and then placing the copy back on the original  $n$ -gon so it exactly covers it.

## Note 2

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Each symmetry of a regular  $n$ -gon can be described uniquely by the corresponding permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , representing the permutation of the vertices.

## Note 3

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Given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $n \geq 3$ , the group of symmetries of a regular  $n$ -gon is called the dihedral group of order  $2n$ .

## Note 4

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Given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $n \geq 3$ , the dihedral group of order  $2n$  is denoted  $D_{2n}$ .

## Note 5

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Given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $n \geq 3$  and  $s, t \in D_{2n}$ , the product  $st$  is defined to be the symmetry obtained by first applying  $t$  then  $s$  to the  $n$ -gon.

## Note 6

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Given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$|D_{2n}| = 2n.$$

### Note 7

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Given  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $n \geq 3$ ,  $|D_{2n}| = 2n$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

Every symmetry is uniquely determined by how it affects some two adjacent vertices.

### Note 8

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For convenience, the regular  $n$ -gon viewed in  $D_{2n}$  is fixed centered at the origin.

### Note 9

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For convenience, the vertices of the regular  $n$ -gon viewed in  $D_{2n}$  are labeled consecutively from 1 to  $n$  in a clockwise manner.

### Note 10

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In the context of the  $D_{2n}$  group, let  $r$  be the rotation clockwise about the origin through  $2\pi/n$  radian.

### Note 11

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In the context of the  $D_{2n}$  group, let  $s$  be the reflection about the line of symmetry through vertex 1 and the origin.

### Note 12

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In the context of the  $D_{2n}$  group, is it possible that  $s = r^i$  for some  $i$ ?

No.

### Note 13

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In the context of the  $D_{2n}$  group, is it possible that  $sr^i = sr^j$  for some  $i \not\equiv j \pmod{n}$ ?

■ No.

### Note 14

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Each element of  $D_{2n}$  can be written uniquely in the form  $s^k r^i$  for some  $k = 0$  or  $1$  and  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

### Note 15

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In the context of the  $D_{2n}$  group,

$$r^i s = sr^{-i}, \text{ for all } 0 \leq i \leq n.$$

### Note 16

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In the context of the  $D_{2n}$  group,

$$r^i s = sr^{-i}, \text{ for all } 0 \leq i \leq n.$$

What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $rs = sr^{-1}$  and by induction.

### Note 17

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A subset  $S$  of elements of a group  $G$  with the property that every element of  $G$  can be written as a (finite) product of elements of  $S$  and their inverses is called a set of generators of  $G$ .

### Note 18

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If  $S$  is a set of generators of a group  $G$ , we shall write

$$G = \langle S \rangle.$$

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### Note 19

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If  $S$  is a set of generators of a group  $G$ , we shall say  $G$  is generated by  $S$ .

## Note 20

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In terms of generators, the group  $D_{2n} = \langle r, s \rangle$ .

## Note 21

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In a finite group  $G$  a set  $S$  generates  $G$  if every element of  $G$  is a finite product of elements of  $S$ .

## Note 22

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In the  $D_{2n}$  group, the relations  $r^n = 1$ ,  $s^2 = 1$  and  $rs = sr^{-1}$  have the additional property that any other relation between elements of the group may be derived from these three.

## Note 23

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In the  $D_{2n}$  group, the relations  $r^n = 1$ ,  $s^2 = 1$  and  $rs = sr^{-1}$  have the additional property that any other relation between elements of the group may be derived from these three. What is the key idea in the proof?

We can determine exactly when two group elements are equal by using only these three relations.

## Note 24

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Let  $G$  be a group. Any equations in  $G$  that the generators satisfy are called relations in  $G$ .

## Note 25

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Let  $G$  be a group. If  $G$  is generated by a subset  $S$  and there is some collection of relations such that any relation among the elements of  $S$  can be deduced from these, we shall call these generators and relations a presentation of  $G$ .

## Note 26

265ab5c6f292430c8ecc6ab97f25c8a8

Let  $G$  be a group. If  $\langle S \rangle$  is a subset  $S$  and  $\{R_1, \dots, R_m\}$  a collection of relations  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  form a presentation of  $G$ , we shall write

$$G = \langle S \mid R_1, \dots, R_m \rangle.$$

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## Note 27

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One presentation of the dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  is

$$\langle D_{2n} \rangle = \langle r, s \mid r^n = s^2 = 1, rs = sr^{-1} \rangle.$$

## Note 28

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If  $n = 2k$  is even and  $n \geq 4$  then  $\langle r^k \rangle$  is the only nonidentity element of  $D_{2n}$  which commutes with all elements of  $D_{2n}$ .



# Symmetric Groups

## Note 1

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Given a set  $\Omega$ , the set of all bijections from  $\Omega$  to itself is denoted  $S_{\Omega}$ .

## Note 2

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Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty set. Then the group  $(S_{\Omega}, \circ)$  is called the symmetric group on the set  $\Omega$ .

## Note 3

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . The symmetric group on the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is called the symmetric group of degree  $n$ .

## Note 4

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . The symmetric group of degree  $n$  is denoted  $S_n$ .

## Note 5

40a80f61353b460c9200ea835050fc6d

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then

$$|S_n| = n!$$

## Note 6

971a7ee9395248c3ad6b53fc7e57223c

A cycle is a string of integers which represents the element of  $S_n$  which cyclically permutes these integers (and fixes all other integers).

## Note 7

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The cycle  $(a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_m)$  in  $S_n$  is the permutation

$$a_i \mapsto a_{i+1} \quad a_m \mapsto a_1.$$

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## Note 8

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The length of a cycle in  $S_n$  is the number of integers that appear in it.

## Note 9

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A cycle of length  $t$  in  $S_n$  is called a  $t$ -cycle.

## Note 10

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Two cycles in  $S_n$  are called disjoint if they have no numbers in common.

## Note 11

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Let  $\sigma \in S_n$ . The representation of  $\sigma$  as the products of pairwise disjoint cycles is called the cycle decomposition of  $\sigma$ .

## Note 12

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The identity permutation of  $S_n$  will be written as  $1$ .

## Note 13

2e6d113b0fdf478f9cacb6d733a989c3

$S_n$  is a non-abelian group for all  $n \geq 3$ .

## Note 14

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Disjoint cycles in  $S_n$  commute.

## Note 15

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The cycle decomposition of each permutation in  $S_n$  is the unique way of expressing a permutation as a product of disjoint cycles (up to rearrangement).

## Note 16

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The order of a permutation in  $S_n$  is the l.c.m. of the lengths of the cycles in its cycle decomposition.

### Note 17

e539f64a563146f68a90f700cee3c2a6

Let  $\sigma$  be a  $k$ -cycle in  $S_n$ . Then

$$|\sigma| = \{\{c1: k.\}\}$$

### Note 18

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Let  $\sigma$  be a  $k$ -cycle in  $S_n$ . For which positive integers  $i$  is  $\sigma^i$  also a  $k$ -cycle?

■ For  $i$  relatively prime to  $k$ .

### Note 19

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Let  $\sigma$  be a  $k$ -cycle in  $S_n$ . What is special about the cyclic decomposition of  $\sigma^i$  for an arbitrary  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ?

■ All of the disjoint cycles have the same length and are “evenly spaced.”

### Note 20

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Let  $p$  be  $\{\{c3: \text{a prime.}\}\}$ . An element has order  $\{\{c2: p\}\}$  in  $S_n$  if and only if  $\{\{c4: \text{its cycle decomposition}\}\}$  is  $\{\{c1: \text{a product of commuting } p\text{-cycles.}\}\}$

### Note 21

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$$\{\{c4: S_3\}\} = \langle a, b \mid \{\{c1: a^2 = b^2 = 1, \}\} \{\{c2: aba = bab\}\} \rangle,$$

where  $a = \{\{c3: (1\ 2)\}\}$ ,  $b = \{\{c3: (2\ 3)\}\}$ .

# Matrix Groups

## Note 1

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First, a field is  $\{\{c2::a \text{ set } F\}\}$  together with  $\{\{c1::\text{two binary operations } + \text{ and } \cdot \text{ on } F.\}\}$

## Note 2

f3c03aa477f94f80bb772b9ea31136f9

How are the properties of  $+$  summarised in the definition of a field  $F$ ?

■  $(F, +)$  is an abelian group.

## Note 3

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How are the properties of  $\cdot$  summarised in the definition of a field  $F$ ?

■  $(F - \{0\}, \cdot)$  is an abelian group.

## Note 4

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In the definition of a field  $F$ , what does  $0$  refer to?

■ The identity of  $F$  with respect to  $+$ .

## Note 5

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What is the key property that relates  $+$  and  $\cdot$  in the definition of a field  $F$ ?

■ The distributive law.

## Note 6

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The distributive law from the definition of a field  $F$  states that

$\{\{c1::$

$$a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c), \quad \text{for all } a, b, c \in F.$$

$\}\}$

## Note 7

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For any field  $F$  let  $\{\{c2::F^\times\}\} = \{\{c1::F - \{0\}\}\}$ .

## Note 8

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Given  $\{\{c3::\text{a prime } p,\}\}$  we shall denote  $\{\{c1::\text{the field } \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}\}\}$  as  $\{\{c2::\mathbb{F}_p\}\}$  to emphasize that  $\{\{c4::\text{it is a field.}\}\}$

## Note 9

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Given  $\{\{c3::n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}\}$  and  $\{\{c4::\text{a field } F,\}\}$   $\{\{c1::\text{the general linear group of degree } n\}\}$  is denoted  $\{\{c2::$

$$GL_n(F).$$

$\}\}$

## Note 10

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What are the elements of  $GL_n(F)$ ?

■ All  $n \times n$  matrices whose entries come from a field  $F$  and whose determinant is nonzero.

## Note 11

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What is the operation of  $GL_n(F)$ ?

■ Matrix multiplication.

## Note 12

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Let  $F$  be a field. If  $\{\{c2::|F| < \infty,\}\}$  then

$$\{\{c3::|F|\}\} = \{\{c1::p^m \text{ for some prime } p \text{ and an integer } m.\}\}$$

## Note 13

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Let  $F$  be a field. If  $\{\{c4::|F| = q < \infty,\}\}$  then

$$\{\{c3::|GL_n(F)|\}\} = \prod_{k=\{\{c2::0\}\}}^{\{\{c2::n-1\}\}} \{\{c1::(q^n - q^k).\}\}$$

### Note 14

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Let  $F$  be a field. The subgroup of all the unit upper triangular matrices in  $GL_3(F)$  is called the Heisenberg group over  $F$ .

### Note 15

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Let  $F$  be a field. The Heisenberg group over  $F$  is denoted  $H(F)$ .

### Note 16

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Let  $F$  be a field. Then

$$|H(F)| = |F|^3.$$

### Note 17

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Let  $x \in H(\mathbb{R})$ . If  $x \neq 1$ , then

$$|x| = \infty.$$

# The Quaternion Group

## Note 1

239ae951128a45148a7a0b069837604e

The quaternion group is denoted  $Q_8$ .

## Note 2

555bc9c4e6e549a8954f57e369620c61

$$Q_8 = \{1, -1, i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}.$$

## Note 3

6e7c0944844b48afb9531e5d1fa28c7

$$|Q_8| = 8.$$

## Note 4

4227539ce42c4875a7adfb3ea6f82b3

In  $Q_8$ ,  $1 \cdot x = x \cdot 1 = x$ , for all  $x$ .

## Note 5

fe801d8cadf94adc8af7a8f10209ed3b

In  $Q_8$ ,  $(-1) \cdot x = x \cdot (-1) = -x$ , for all  $x$ .

## Note 6

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In  $Q_8$ ,  $(-1) \cdot (-1) = 1$ .

## Note 7

c779211682144018898526c5025c9048

In  $Q_8$ ,  $i \cdot i = -1$ .

## Note 8

796029c2d52b43d6944db20f10fdd8af

In  $Q_8$ ,  $j \cdot j = -1$ .

## Note 9

ec5bd7ed074a42d6ba94f6bd9da19392

In  $Q_8$ ,  $k \cdot k = -1$ .

## Note 10

e38c1bab9ae74d96b1ad4505d46d0417

In  $Q_8$ ,  $i \cdot j = k$ .

**Note 11**

15482b24d8c34da580643a244f8080dc

$$\text{In } Q_8, \quad j \cdot k = \langle\langle c1::i \rangle\rangle.$$

**Note 12**

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$$\text{In } Q_8, \quad k \cdot i = \langle\langle c1::j \rangle\rangle.$$

**Note 13**

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$$\text{In } Q_8, \quad j \cdot i = \langle\langle c1:: - k \rangle\rangle.$$

**Note 14**

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$$\text{In } Q_8, \quad k \cdot j = \langle\langle c1:: - i \rangle\rangle.$$

**Note 15**

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$$\text{In } Q_8, \quad i \cdot k = \langle\langle c1:: - j \rangle\rangle.$$

**Note 16**

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$$Q_8 = \langle\langle\langle c1::i, j \rangle\rangle\rangle$$

**Note 17**

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$$\langle\langle c3::Q_8 \rangle\rangle = \langle i, j \mid \langle\langle c1::i^2 = j^2, \rangle\rangle \langle\langle c2::ij = ji^{-1} \rangle\rangle \rangle.$$



# Homomorphisms and Isomorphism

## Note 1

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Let  $(G, \star)$  and  $(H, \diamond)$  be groups. A map  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  such that

$$\varphi(x \star y) = \varphi(x) \diamond \varphi(y), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in G$$

is called a homomorphism.

## Note 2

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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups. A map  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  is called an isomorphism if it is a bijective homomorphism.

## Note 3

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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups.  $G$  and  $H$  are said to be isomorphic or of the same isomorphism type if there exists an isomorphism  $G \rightarrow H$ .

## Note 4

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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups. If  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic we shall write

$$G \cong H.$$

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## Note 5

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Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a nonempty collection of groups. Then  $\cong$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{G}$ .

## Note 6

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Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a nonempty collection of groups. The equivalence classes of  $\cong$  are called isomorphism classes.

## Note 7

284b06e23e8a4abba099fb983d10b5a1

The map  $x \mapsto e^x$  is an isomorphism from  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  to  $(\mathbb{R}^+, \times)$ .

## Note 8

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The isomorphism type of a symmetric group depends only on the cardinality of the underlying set being permuted.

## Note 9

270ed61fd46c4d37815329b5c32c58cd

Let  $\Delta$  and  $\Omega$  be nonempty sets. Then  $S_\Delta \cong S_\Omega$  if and only if

$$|\Delta| = |\Omega|.$$

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## Note 10

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Let  $\Delta$  and  $\Omega$  be nonempty sets. Then  $S_\Delta \cong S_\Omega$  if  $|\Delta| = |\Omega|$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

■ Build an isomorphism using a bijection  $\Delta \rightarrow \Omega$ .

## Note 11

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Let  $\Delta$  and  $\Omega$  be nonempty sets. Then  $S_\Delta \cong S_\Omega$  if  $|\Delta| = |\Omega|$ . In the proof, how do we define the isomorphism  $\varphi$ ?

■  $\varphi(\sigma) = \theta \circ \sigma \circ \theta^{-1}$ , where  $\theta : \Delta \rightarrow \Omega$  is a bijection.

## Note 12

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Theorems that determine what properties of a structure specify its isomorphism type are referred to as classification theorems.

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## Note 13

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If  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  is a group isomorphism, then

$$|G| = |H|.$$

**Note 14**

3c156770eb5c46be965e82efae228841

If  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  is a group isomorphism, then

$$H \text{ is abelian } \Leftrightarrow G \text{ is abelian.}$$

**Note 15**

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If  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  is a group isomorphism and  $x \in G$ , then

$$|\varphi(x)| = |x|.$$

**Note 16**

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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups,  $|G| < \infty$  and

$$G = \langle s_1, \dots, s_m \mid R_1, \dots, R_k \rangle, \\ \{r_1, \dots, r_m\} \subseteq H.$$

If any relation  $R_j$  is satisfied in  $H$  when each  $s_i$  is replaced by  $r_i$ , then there is a unique homomorphism

$$\varphi : G \rightarrow H, \quad s_i \mapsto r_i.$$

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**Note 17**

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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups,  $|G| < \infty$ , and

$$G = \langle s_1, \dots, s_m \mid R_1, \dots, R_k \rangle, \\ \{r_1, \dots, r_m\} \subseteq H,$$

$\varphi : s_i \mapsto r_i$  be a homomorphism.

If  $H$  is generated by  $\{r_1, \dots, r_m\}$ , then  $\varphi$  is surjective.

**Note 18**

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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups,  $|G| < \infty$ , and

$$G = \langle s_1, \dots, s_m \mid R_1, \dots, R_k \rangle,$$

$$\{r_1, \dots, r_m\} \subseteq H,$$

$\varphi : s_i \mapsto r_i$  be a homomorphism.

If  $\{\{c3::H \text{ is generated by } \{r_1, \dots, r_m\}\}\}$  and  $\{\{c2::|H| = |G|,\}\}$  then  $\{\{c1::\varphi \text{ is an isomorphism.}\}\}$

**Note 19**

67b60cd5209c46fbbb3f98e3f10b05e1

$$D_{\{\{c2::6\}\}} \cong S_{\{\{c1::3\}\}}.$$

**Note 20**

1f9aa544bf9a4eb4a414531f8156f4cd

$D_6 \cong S_3$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

■ Build a homomorphism using the presentation of  $D_6$ .

**Note 21**

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$D_6 \cong S_3$ . Which generator of  $D_6$  are used in the proof?

■  $r$  and  $s$ .

**Note 22**

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$D_6 \cong S_3$ . Which generator of  $S_3$  are used in the proof?

■  $a = (1\ 2)$  and  $b = (1\ 2\ 3)$ .

**Note 23**

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Then

$$\varphi(x^n) = \{\{c1::\varphi(x)^n\}\} \quad \text{for all } n \in \{\{c2::\mathbb{Z},\}\}$$

**Note 24**

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Then

$$\varphi(x^{-1}) = \{\{c1::\varphi(x)^{-1},.\}\}$$

**Note 25**

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Then

$$\varphi(1) = \{\{c1::1,.\}\}$$

**Note 26**

71cc11a4e7454bd4ab3e4eebc22c9eb1

Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group  $\{\{c3::\text{isomorphism},.\}\}$  Then

$$\varphi(x) = 1_{\{\{c2::\}} \iff \}\{\{c1::x = 1,.\}\}$$

**Note 27**

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Is it unconditionally true that  $|\varphi(x)| = |x|$  for all  $x \in G$ ?

■ No.

**Note 28**

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism and  $G$  be abelian. Then

$$\{\{c1::\varphi \text{ is surjective},.\}\} \{\{c3::\} \implies \}\{\{c2::H \text{ is abelian},.\}\}$$

**Note 29**

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Are the groups  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^+, \times)$  isomorphic?

■ Yes.

### Note 30

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Are  $D_6$  and  $S_3$  isomorphic?

■ Yes.

### Note 31

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Are the multiplicative groups  $\mathbb{R}^\times$  and  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  isomorphic?

■ No.

### Note 32

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The multiplicative groups  $\mathbb{R}^\times$  and  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  are not isomorphic. What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  has elements of order  $n > 2$ .

### Note 33

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Are the additive groups  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  isomorphic?

■ No.

### Note 34

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The additive groups  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are not isomorphic. What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $|\mathbb{R}| \neq |\mathbb{Q}|$ .

### Note 35

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Are the additive groups  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  isomorphic?

■ No.

### Note 36

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The additive groups  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are not isomorphic. What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $\mathbb{Q}$  has elements of order  $n > 1$ .

### Note 37

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Are  $D_8$  and  $Q_8$  isomorphic?

■ No.

### Note 38

c920ffc0d7ba4faeb1cfc6748bbb0df5

$D_8$  and  $Q_8$  are not isomorphic. What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $D_8$  has for elements of order 2, namely  $s, sr, sr^2, sr^3$ .

### Note 39

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Are  $D_{24}$  and  $S_4$  isomorphic?

■ No.

### Note 40

e883c893667e4f09b6f83f082c41281a

$D_{24}$  and  $S_4$  are not isomorphic. What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $D_{24}$  has an element of order 12.

### Note 41

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Let  $A$  and  $B$  be groups. Are  $A \times B$  and  $B \times A$  isomorphic?

■ Yes.

### Note 42

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Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be groups. Are  $(A \times B) \times C$  and  $A \times (B \times C)$  isomorphic?

■ Yes.

### Note 43

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Then  $\{\{c3::\text{the image}\}$  of  $\varphi$  is  $\{\{c1::\text{a subgroup}\}$  of  $\{\{c2::H\}\}$

### Note 44

2771feb8afd448049fd587b560e40ec9

Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Then

$$\{\{c2::\varphi \text{ is injective}\}\}\{\{c5:: \iff \}\}\{\{c3::G\}\}\{\{c4:: \cong \}\}\{\{c1::\varphi(G)\}\}$$

### Note 45

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. If  $\varphi$  is injective then  $G \cong \varphi(G)$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

■  $\varphi$  is surjective when its codomain is restricted to  $\varphi(G)$ .

### Note 46

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism.  $\{\{c2::\text{The kernel of } \varphi\}$  is  $\{\{c1::\text{the fiber of } \varphi \text{ over } 1.\}\}$

### Note 47

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Then  $\{\{c3::\text{the kernel}\}$  of  $\varphi$  is  $\{\{c1::\text{a subgroup}\}$  of  $\{\{c2::G\}\}$

### Note 48

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Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$  be a group homomorphism. Then  $\{\{c3::\varphi \text{ is injective}\}$   $\{\{c4::\text{if and only if}\}\}$   $\{\{c2::\text{the kernel of } \varphi\}\}$   $\{\{c1::\text{is the identity subgroup of } G.\}\}$



**Note 49**

086cd029adec4c3185796e6c095f117c

Let  $G$  be a group. Then the map  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$  is a homomorphism  
 if and only if  $G$  is abelian.

**Note 50**

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Let  $G$  be a group. Then the map  $g \mapsto g^2$  is a homomorphism  
 if and only if  $G$  is abelian.

**Note 51**

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Is any surjective homomorphism necessarily an isomorphism?

■ No.

**Note 52**

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Let  $G$  be a group. An isomorphism from  $G$  onto  $G$  is called  
 an automorphism of  $G$ .

**Note 53**

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Let  $G$  be a group. The set of all automorphisms of  $G$  is denoted  
 by

$$\text{Aut}(G).$$

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**Note 54**

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Let  $G$  be a group. Then  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is a group under function  
 composition.

**Note 55**

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Let  $G$  be a group. The group  $(\text{Aut}(G), \circ)$  is called the  
 automorphism group of  $G$ .

**Note 56**

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Let  $G$  be a group. A homomorphism  $\sigma$  such that

$$\sigma(g) = g \text{ implies } g = 1$$

is called fixed point free.

### Note 57

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Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $\sigma$  is a fixed point free automorphism of order 2 in  $G$ , then

$$\sigma : x \mapsto x^{-1}.$$

### Note 58

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Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $\sigma$  is a fixed point free automorphism of order 2 in  $G$ , then  $\sigma : x \mapsto x^{-1}$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

Any  $x \in G$  may be expressed as  $g^{-1}\sigma(g)$  for some  $g \in G$ .

### Note 59

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Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $G$  possesses a fixed point free automorphism of order 2, then  $G$  is abelian.

### Note 60

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Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $G$  possesses a fixed point free automorphism of order 2, then  $G$  is abelian. What is the key idea in the proof?

The automorphism must be  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$ .

### Note 61

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Let  $G = \langle x, y \rangle$  be a finite group,  $x \neq y$  and  $|x| = |y| = 2$ . Then

$$G \cong D_{2n},$$

where  $n = |xy|$ .

# Group Actions

## Note 1

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  be a set. First, a group action of  $G$  on  $A$  is a map from  $G \times A$  to  $A$ .

## Note 2

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  be a set. The group action of  $G$  on  $A$  is written

$$(g, a) \mapsto g \cdot a.$$

## Note 3

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  be a set. How many properties are there in the definition of a group action of  $G$  on  $A$ ?

Two.

## Note 4

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  be a set. What is the first property from the definition of a group action of  $G$  on  $A$ ?

$g \cdot (h \cdot a) = (gh) \cdot a$  for all  $g, h \in G, a \in A$ .

## Note 5

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  be a set. What is the second property from the definition of a group action of  $G$  on  $A$ ?

$1 \cdot a = a$  for all  $a \in A$ .

## Note 6

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Let  $G$  be a group. We shall say  $G$  acts on a set  $A$  if a group action of  $G$  on  $A$  is given.

### Note 7

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Let a group  $G$  act on a set  $A$ . Given  $g \in G$  and  $a \in A$ , the expression  $\{\{c2::g \cdot a\}\}$  will usually be written  $\{\{c1::\text{simply as } ga.\}\}$

### Note 8

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Let a group  $G$  act on a set  $A$ . Given  $\{\{c4::g \in G,\}\}$  the map  $\{\{c3::\sigma_g\}\}$  is defined by

$$\{\{c3::\sigma_g\}\} : \{\{c2::A\}\} \rightarrow \{\{c2::A\}\} \quad a \mapsto \{\{c1::g \cdot a.\}\}$$

### Note 9

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Let a group  $G$  act on a set  $A$ . For each fixed  $g \in G$ ,  $\sigma_g$  is  $\{\{c1::\text{a permutation}\}\}$  of  $A$ .

### Note 10

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Let a group  $G$  act on a set  $A$ . For each fixed  $g \in G$ ,  $\sigma_g$  is a permutation of  $A$ . What is the key idea in the proof?

■ Find the 2-sided inverse of  $\sigma$ .

### Note 11

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Let a group  $G$  act on a set  $A$ . Given  $g \in G$ ,

$$\{\{c2::\sigma_g^{-1}\}\} = \{\{c1::\sigma_{g^{-1}}.\}\}$$

### Note 12

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Let a group  $G$  act on a set  $A$ . The map from  $G$  to  $\{\{c3::S_A\}\}$  defined by

$$g \mapsto \{\{c2::\sigma_g\}\}$$

is  $\{\{c1::\text{a homomorphism.}\}\}$

### Note 13

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Intuitively,  $\{\{c3:: \text{a group action of } G \text{ on a set } A\}\}$  just means that every element  $g$  in  $G$  acts as  $\{\{c1:: \text{a permutation}\}\}$  on  $A$  in a manner  $\{\{c2:: \text{consistent with the group operations in } G.\}\}$

### Note 14

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Let a group  $G$  act on a set  $A$ .  $\{\{c3:: \text{The homomorphism } g \mapsto \sigma_g\}\}$  from  $\{\{c4:: G\}\}$  to  $\{\{c4:: S_A\}\}$  is called  $\{\{c1:: \text{the permutation representation}\}\}$   $\{\{c2:: \text{associated to the given action.}\}\}$

### Note 15

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $\{\{c5:: A \text{ a set.}\}\}$ . Any  $\{\{c3:: \text{homomorphism}\}\}$   $\{\{c1::$

$$\varphi : G \rightarrow S_A$$

$\}\}$  corresponds to  $\{\{c2:: \text{a group action of } G \text{ on } A.\}\}$

### Note 16

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  a set. To which group action does a homomorphism  $\varphi : G \rightarrow S_A$  correspond?

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$$g \cdot a = \varphi(g)(a).$$

### Note 17

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Let  $G$  be a group. More precisely, a group action of the form  $\{\{c2::$

$$G \times A \rightarrow A$$

$\}\}$  should be named  $\{\{c1:: \text{a left action.}\}\}$

### Note 18

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $A$  a nonempty set. The action of  $G$  on  $A$  defined by  $\{\{c1::$

$$ga = a, \quad \text{for all } g \in G, a \in A$$

$\}\}$  is called  $\{\{c1:: \text{the trivial action.}\}\}$

### Note 19

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Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $A$ . We shall say  $\{\{c2::G \text{ acts trivially on } A\} \text{ if } \{\{c1:: \text{the action is trivial.}\}$

### Note 20

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Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $A$ . If  $\{\{c2:: \text{distinct elements of } G \text{ induce distinct permutations of } A,\}$  the action is said to be  $\{\{c1:: \text{faithful.}\}$

### Note 21

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A group action  $\{\{c3:: \text{is faithful}\} \text{ if and only if } \{\{c2:: \text{the associated permutation representation } \{\{c1:: \text{is injective.}\}$

### Note 22

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Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $A$ .  $\{\{c2:: \text{The kernel of the action}\}$  is defined to be  $\{\{c1::$

$$\{g \in G \mid \sigma_g = 1\}.$$

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### Note 23

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Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . Then  $\{\{c2:: \text{the multiplicative group } F^\times\} \text{ acts on } \{\{c1:: \text{the set } V.\}$

### Note 24

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For any nonempty set  $A$  the group  $S_A$  acts on  $A$  by  $\sigma \cdot a = \{\{c1:: \sigma(a)\}$ , for all  $\sigma \in S_A, a \in A$ .

### Note 25

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Let  $A$  be a nonempty set. The permutation representation associated with the action of  $S_A$  on  $A$  is  $\{\{c1:: \text{the identity map in } S_A.\}$

### Note 26

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Given  $\alpha \in D_{2n}$ , let  $\{\{c2:: \sigma_\alpha\}$  denote  $\{\{c1:: \text{the permutation of } \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , representing the permutation of the vertices. $\}$

**Note 27**

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$D_{2n}$  acts on  $\{\{c2::\{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$  by  $\alpha \cdot i = \{\{c1::\sigma_\alpha(i)\}\}$  for all  $\alpha \in D_{2n}$ .

**Note 28**

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Let  $G$  be a group. Given  $g \in G$ , the map  $\{\{c1::$

$$a \mapsto ga \quad G \rightarrow G$$

$\}\}$  is called  $\{\{c1::$ left multiplication. $\}\}$

**Note 29**

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Let  $G$  be a group written additively. Given  $g \in G$ , the map  $\{\{c1::$

$$a \mapsto g + a \quad G \rightarrow G$$

$\}\}$  is called  $\{\{c1::$ left translation. $\}\}$

**Note 30**

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Let  $G$  be a group. The group action of  $G$  on  $\{\{c3::$ itself $\}\}$  defined by  $\{\{c1::$

$$g \cdot a = ga, \quad \text{for all } g, a \in G$$

$\}\}$  is called  $\{\{c2::$ the left regular action of  $G$  on  $\{\{c3::$ itself $\}\}$ .

**Note 31**

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Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $A$ . The kernel of the action is  $\{\{c2::$ a subgroup $\}\}$  of  $\{\{c1::G\}\}$ .

**Note 32**

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Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $A$ . Given  $\{\{c3::a \in A\}\}$ ,  $\{\{c1::$ the set

$$\{g \in G \mid ga = a\}$$

$\}\}$  is called  $\{\{c2::$ the stabilizer of  $a$  in  $G\}\}$ .

**Note 33**

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Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $A$  and  $a \in A$ . The stabilizer of  $a$  in  $G$  is  $\{\{c2::$ a subgroup $\}\}$  of  $\{\{c1::G\}\}$ .

### Note 34

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The kernel of an action of the group  $G$  on a set  $A$  is the same as the kernel of the corresponding permutation representation.

### Note 35

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A group  $G$  acts faithfully on a set  $A$  if and only if the kernel of the action is the identity subgroup of  $G$ .

### Note 36

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Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . Is the action of the multiplicative group  $F^\times$  on  $V$  faithful?

■ Yes.

### Note 37

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Let  $A$  be a nonempty set and let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \leq |A|$ . The symmetric group  $S_A$  acts on the set of all subsets of  $A$  of cardinality  $k$  by

$$\sigma \cdot \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} = \{\sigma a_1, \dots, \sigma a_k\}.$$

### Note 38

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Let  $A$  be a nonempty set and let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \leq |A|$ . The symmetric group  $S_A$  acts on the set of all ordered  $k$ -tuples of elements of  $A$  by

$$\sigma \cdot (a_1, \dots, a_k) = (\sigma a_1, \dots, \sigma a_k).$$